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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, PINS  
SUBJECT: SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFFDEL  
VISIT RE HIJACKING AND TERRORISM

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REF: STATE 279081 (NOTAL) AND STATE 283090 (NOTAL)

1. WHEN STAFFDEL MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PRINCIPAL  
INTERESTED UKG AGENCIES NOV. 28, DENNIS GILDEA, ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY OF TRADE IN CHARGE OF AVIATION SECURITY (INTER  
ALIA), AND ALAN BROWN, RESPONSIBLE FOR TERRORISM QUES-  
TIONS IN THE MARITIME, AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE (FCO), WERE THE PRINCIPAL UK SPOKESMEN. THEY TOOK THE POSITION THAT GOING SOFTLY IS PAYING OFF IN TERMS OF MORE EFFECTIVE AVIATION SECURITY, AND THAT SANCTIONS SHOULD BE POSTPONED AT LEAST UNTIL COUNTRIES AIDING AND ABETTING TERRORISTS, OR EVEN FAILING TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY, HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVELY ISOLATED. TO INTRODUCE SANCTIONS NOW, THEY FEARED, WOULD ONLY DAMAGE BILATERAL RELATIONS (IN THE CASE OF LISTS OF "UNSAFE" AIRPORTS, FOR EXAMPLE) OR INVITE RETALIATION BY DENYING OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS OR CUTTING OFF OIL EXPORTS (IN THE CASE OF STRONGER MEASURES). ANTI-IMPERIALIST FEARS MIGHT BE REVIVED THROUGHOUT THE THIRD WORLD. THEY CONCEDED THAT MULTILATERAL ACTION MIGHT BE MORE EFFECTIVE, BUT THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT IT COULD BE ACHIEVED. (THE IDEA OF AN EXPORT EMBARGO AWOKE MEMORIES OF BRITAIN'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE EMBARGO OF RHODESIA.)

2. INSTEAD, THEY THOUGHT, CURRENT SECURITY EFFORTS MIGHT BE INTENSIFIED. MORE SECURITY SEMINARS COULD BE CONDUCTED BY ICAO, MORE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY INDIVIDUAL STATES, IATA INSPECTIONS BEEFED UP, AND PERHAPS EVEN AN ICAO INSPECTION CORPS ESTABLISHED. BROWN URGED RENEWED EFFORTS TO GET STATES TO ADHERE TO TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS. WHEN STAFFDEL MEMBER KRAFT CALLED THEM "TOOTHLESS," GILDEA SUGGESTED

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THAT THEY COULD BE TIGHTENED UP ONCE THEY ENJOYED MORE GENERAL SUPPORT.

3. GAVIN DICK, UNDERSECRETARY OF TRADE AND GILDEA'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR, INTRODUCED THE ONLY NOTE OF RECEPTIVITY TO SUGGESTIONS FOR GREATER PRESSURE, WHEN HE COMMENTED THAT HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT THAT ACTIONS CONFINED TO THE AVIATION FIELD (HE SEEMED TO BE THINKING PRIMARILY OF CUTTING OFF AIR SERVICES) MIGHT BE BOTH WARRANTED AND EFFECTIVE IN SOME CASES. THE UK, HE CONTINUED, HAS NOT DONE THE RELEVANT SUMS TO DETERMINE WHAT THE ECONOMIC PENALTIES IN EACH DIRECTION WOULD BE, BUT HE CONSIDERED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DO SO.

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